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News Items from the School of Education of the University of Chicago

ART EXHIBIT DURING THE SUMMER QUARTER

It is the policy of members of the Department of Art Education of the University of Chicago to perfect themselves in the technique of the subjects which they teach. Evidence of this is shown by the honors recently conferred on them in important exhibitions. Mr. Sargent had two paintings in the Winter Exhibition of Chicago Artists. Another painting, entitled "The Morning Shadow," has been purchased by the Rochester Atheneum, Rochester, New York. Miss van Pappelendam had four paintings in the Twenty-sixth Exhibition of Chicago Artists, and two of her paintings were in the Thirty-fourth Annual Exhibition of American Painting. Mr. Whitford exhibited a group of pottery at the Twentieth Annual Exhibition of Applied Arts. Several pieces were also shown at a recent exhibition of the Indiana Art Association, at Richmond, Indiana, and at local art clubs in Chicago.

The Art Department is making arrangements for an exhibition at the School of Education during the Summer Quarter. It will include paintings by Professor Sargent and by Miss van Pappelendam, some of the pottery recently produced by Mr. Whitford, sketches made by Miss Coe in Tangiers, Spain, and France, during the Spring Quarter, 1921, and art productions by other members of the department.

THE PRESENT STATUS OF STATE SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

One of the most important educational positions in a state is that of the superintendent of public instruction or the state commissioner of education. Because of the large influence which this officer exerts in some states, there have been numerous demands

recently for information concerning the present status and tendencies of this office. An investigation of these matters was recently undertaken by Ward G. Reeder, Ph.D., State Teachers College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

The chief sources of information for this investigation were the latest school codes of the various states, earlier statutes and state constitutions, and recent educational articles. The facts secured concerning the duties and responsibilities of the state superintendent in each state were corrected and supplemented by that officer. The various problems which Dr. Reeder discusses in his report may be described briefly in terms of the following chapter headings: "Evolution of the Office," "Present Provision for the Office," "Official Designation of the Office," "Qualifications Required for Holding the Office," "Manner of Selecting the Incumbent of the Office," "Term of Office," "Salary of the Office," "Relation of the Office to the State Board of Education," "Powers and Duties of the Office," "The Staff of the Office," and "The Two-headed Systems of Idaho and Wyoming."

A MONOGRAPH ON SECONDARY EDUCATION

During the last three years, George S. Counts, Ph.D., associate professor of secondary education, Yale University, has been conducting a series of investigations concerning the social sources of the student population of high schools. The results of Dr. Counts's studies have been published as one of the *Supplementary Educational Monographs* under the title "The Selective Character of American Secondary Education." Inasmuch as accurate information concerning the character of the high-school population is necessary to an adequate solution of administrative and instructional problems, Dr. Counts's monograph will be of special value to superintendents and high-school principals.